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Sir:

RESPONSE B

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 22, 2008, Applicants hereby  
reply as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Statement(s) Concerning Common Ownership** begin on page 9 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 15 of this paper.